

Docket No.: 59684-011

Section #
PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Kazunori UKIGAWA, et al.

Serial No.: 09/666,087

Filed: September 21, 2000

For: METHOD FOR PROVIDING DIGITAL CONTENTS WITH OFFERING ACCESS
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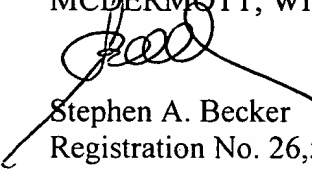
In response to the Notice of Missing Parts of Application dated November 20, 2000,
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1. Declaration and Power of Attorney (which is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63)
2. Statutory Basic filing fee of \$710.00
3. Late Filing Fee Surcharge of \$130.00
4. Additional claim fee of \$400.00
5. English translation of specification and drawings and late filing surcharge of
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6. Assignment
7. Certified Priority Document
8. Request for Corrected Filing Receipt

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Respectfully submitted,

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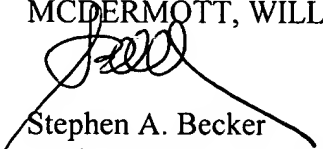
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Attached is a copy of the Filing Receipt received from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the above-referenced application. It is noted that the priority information does not appear on the filing receipt. Attached are copies of the Claim of Priority and Declaration and Power of Attorney, which evidence that this application claims priority from Japanese Patent Application No. 11-267258, filed September 21, 1999.

Additionally, please correct the filing receipt to reflect 20 total claims and 8 independent claims. It is requested that a corrected filing receipt be issued.

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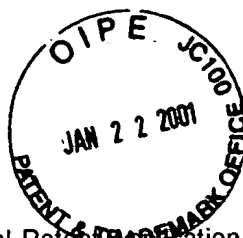
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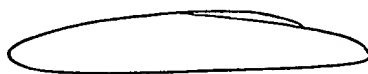
Receipt is acknowledged of this nonprovisional Patent Application. It will be considered in its order and you will be notified as to the results of the examination. Be sure to provide the U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER, FILING DATE, NAME OF APPLICANT, and TITLE OF INVENTION when inquiring about this application. Fees transmitted by check or draft are subject to collection. Please verify the accuracy of the data presented on this receipt. If an error is noted on this Filing Receipt, please write to the Office of Initial Patent Examination's Customer Service Center. Please provide a copy of this Filing Receipt with the changes noted thereon. If you received a "Notice to File Missing Parts" for this application, please submit any corrections to this Filing Receipt with your reply to the Notice. When the PTO processes the reply to the Notice, the PTO will generate another Filing Receipt incorporating the requested corrections (if appropriate).

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Foreign Applications



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Title

Method for providing digital contents with offering access incentive

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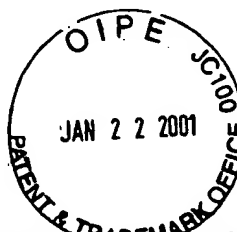
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Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 690 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).
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- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The application was filed in a language other than English.
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Prior Foreign Application(s)

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11-267258	JAPAN	21, 09, 1999
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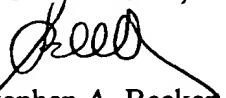
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